

# MODIFIED QUARANTINE POLICIES RELATING TO GUIDE AND SERVICE DOGS



## A CHECKLIST

### DEFINITIONS

*"Exempted guide dog"* means a guide dog that has graduated from an approved guide dog training program and that works as a team with its visually impaired user, who is a legal resident of the United States.

*"Guide dog"* means any dog individually trained by a licensed guide dog trainer for guiding a blind person by means of a harness attached to the dog and a rigid handle that is grasped by the person.

*"Service dog"* means any dog that is individually and professionally trained to: alert a person with impaired hearing to the presence of people or sounds; assist a person with disabilities involving mobility; alert a person who has seizures; or to alert a person of an impending life-threatening medical crisis.

*"Person with a disability"* means an individual who has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities, a record of such an impairment, or is regarded as having such an impairment.

*"User"* means a person with a disability who uses a guide dog or service dog.



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#### Requirements for eligibility for the modified quarantine:

- A user and guide or service dog must be traveling together. The person with a disability, except guide dog users, shall have a letter from a physician verifying:
  - ☐ A disability that substantially limits a major life activity and
  - ☐ A service dog provides assistance to the person with a disability in activities of daily living. (The definitions of guide and service dogs, for the purposes of quarantine, can be provided upon request.)
- Guide or service dogs are individually and professional trained at an approved training program. Typically, these programs issue an identification certificate and/or a laminated identification card that verifies the type of assistance provided by the dog to the user. Have documentation with you at time of travel:
  - ☐ Identification certificate, and/or
  - ☐ Laminated identification card.
  - ☐ Verify the type of assistance provided by the dog to the user.

☐ Verify that training program is approved.

- The dog must have:

☐ A current rabies vaccination according to the manufacturer's recommended booster interval (check with your veterinarian – booster intervals differ).

☐ Documentation of the vaccination must include:

☐ Product name,

☐ Lot number, and

☐ Expiration date.

It is highly recommended that rabies vaccination be administered within 12 months of entry to minimize the chances of failing the post-arrival rabies blood test.

- The dog must have:

☐ An implanted electronic microchip manufactured in the U.S.

☐ Microchip can be read with a standard Avid® scanner (AVID® or HOME AGAIN® brands).

- Prior to arrival, the dog must have passed:

☐ Two OIE-FAVN tests with a level of 0.5 I.U. rabies antibody or greater. The time interval between the two tests must have been at least 30 days and the most recent OIE-FAVN test must have been within two years of entry.

☐ The laboratory will not perform the OIE-FAVN test unless the implanted microchip number is recorded on the test request form.

- A health certificate issued:

☐ Not more than 14 days prior to arrival in Hawaii.

☐ Check with the specific airline carrier regarding their health certificate requirements.

- Notification to animal quarantine at least 24 hours before arrival:

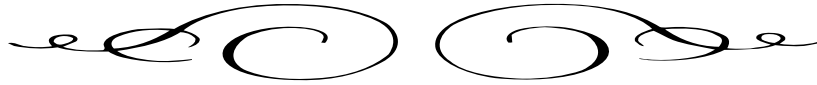
☐ Provide flight information, including arrival time, so that a post-arrival blood sample can be collected in a timely manner.

☐ Provide Hawaii address and other contact information.

☐ Pertinent material can be faxed to (808) 483-7161 or mailed in advance to the Animal Quarantine Station.

- All animals must enter Hawaii at the Honolulu International Airport, Oahu. On arrival, airline personnel will take guide and service dogs to the Airport Animal Quarantine Holding Facility (users can accompany dogs). At the holding facility, records are reviewed to verify compliance with entry requirements, dogs are examined for external parasites (ticks), and a blood sample for OIE-FAVN testing is taken. If all is in order, dogs are released to the owners (usually 15 to 20 minutes).

**Persons falsely representing animals as guide or service dogs are  
subject to penalties as provided under Federal law.**



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